

**REMARKS**

Entry of this Amendment in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.116 is respectfully requested.

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated June 8, 2004. Appreciation is expressed to the Examiner for the indication of the allowability of claims 50-55.

By the present Amendment, all claims in the present application, except for allowed claims 50-55 have been canceled, without prejudice to the Applicants' right to proceed with the filing of a Continuation or Divisional application directed to these canceled claims or related claims.

Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested, notwithstanding the finality of the Office Action. With regard to this, it is noted that 37 CFR § 1.116 permits entry of an Amendment canceling claims at any time during the prosecution, including after final rejection. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment for purposes of placing the application in condition for allowance by virtue of canceling the rejected claims is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus,

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LLP Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Docket No. 843.41106X00), and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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